

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled)

11. (New) A method of testing a plumbing system associated with a bathtub for leakage, comprising:

providing an overflow pipe with an upper end and a lower end with an elbow therebetween, said upper end being adapted to fit at least completely through an overflow port of the bathtub, said upper end extending from an outer surface of the bathtub to the inner surface of the bathtub;

providing a lip extending radially outwardly from an outer surface of the overflow pipe between the elbow and the upper end that is adapted to engage an outer surface of the bathtub adjacent to the overflow port;

associating a nut element with said upper end of said overflow pipe to secure said overflow pipe within the overflow port of the bathtub, wherein a wall of the bathtub is positioned between said lip and said nut element, said nut element comprising at least one lug extending radially therefrom;

preventing fluid flow through said overflow pipe;

testing the plumbing system associated with said bathtub to determine the existence of a fluid leak;

permitting fluid flow through said overflow pipe; and

engaging a cap to said at least one lug to cover said nut member, said cap being detachably engageable to said at least one lug.

12. (New) The method of Claim 11, wherein said preventing fluid flow comprises associating a diaphragm with said overflow pipe.

13. (New) The method of Claim 12, wherein said permitting fluid flow comprises opening said diaphragm with a cutting instrument.

14. (New) The method of Claim 11, further comprising associating a washer with said upper end of said overflow pipe such that said washer is positioned between the inner surface of the bathtub and said nut element.

15. (New) The method of Claim 11, further comprising interconnecting a pipe from said overflow pipe to a vent pipe of the plumbing system.

16. (New) The method of Claim 11, further comprising:
providing a drain pipe that includes an annular flange positioned about an end thereof;
providing a lock washer associated with said annular flange with a bottom wall of the bathtub positioned therebetween;
preventing fluid flow through said drain pipe; and
permitting fluid flow through said drain pipe.

17. (New) The method of Claim 16, wherein said lock washer is secured to said drain pipe by way of a threaded connection.

18. (New) The method of Claim 16, wherein said preventing fluid flow comprises associating a thin diaphragm with said overflow pipe.

19. (New) The method of Claim 18, wherein said permitting fluid flow comprises opening said diaphragm with a cutting instrument.

20. (New) The method of Claim 16, further comprising associating a drain closure with said drain pipe.

21. (New) An overflow assembly for facilitating testing a plumbing system associated with a bathtub for leakage, comprising:

an overflow pipe including an upper and a lower end;

an elbow between said upper end and said lower end, said upper end being adapted to fit completely through an overflow port of the bathtub;

a lip extending radially outwardly from an outer surface of the overflow pipe between said elbow and said upper end that is adapted to engage an outer surface of the bathtub adjacent to the overflow port;

a nut element associated with said overflow pipe to secure said the overflow pipe to the end of the bathtub wherein a wall of the bathtub is positioned between said lip and said nut element, said nut element comprising at least one lug extending radially from the nut element;

a means for preventing fluid flow through said overflow pipe; and

a cap selectively interconnected to said nut element.

22. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein said means for preventing fluid flow is a selectively removable diaphragm.

23. (New) The apparatus of Claim 21, further comprising a washer associated with said upper end of said overflow pipe such that said washer is positioned between the wall of the bathtub and said nut element.